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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 13, 2006, please amend the subject patent application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

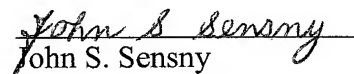
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